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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SALES METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
 DEVICE, SALES SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PROGRAM
 PRODUCT STORING SALES PROGRAM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-040181, discloses an e-commerce system which supports telecommunication between pos system and personal memory system of customer.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-113047, discloses an e-book store having a cipher.

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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-305989, discloses an e-book store which sells not only a whole book, but also a part of book.

An English-language abstract of each document is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

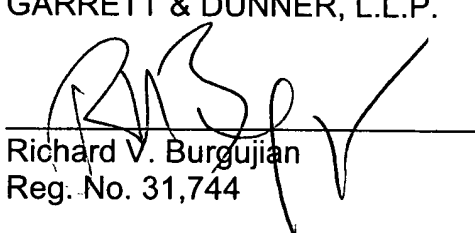
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